



KEY FACTS OF MICHIGAN

AREA:

58,110 square miles of land, 1,305 square miles of inland water, and 38,575 square miles of Great Lakes water area; there are 10,083 inland lakes of more than 5 acres in surface area and 3,288 miles of Great Lakes’ shoreline. Combined water and land area makes it the 10th largest state in the Union.

ELEVATION:

Highest point in the state is Mt. Arvon in Baraga County, 1,981 feet above sea level; lowest point is along the Lake Erie shoreline, 572 feet above sea level.

HISTORY:

First permanent French settlement by Father Jacques Marquette at Sault Ste. Marie, 1668; French forces surrendered Detroit to British at close of French and Indian War, 1760; became part of the Northwest Territory, 1787; became Michigan Territory, 1805; admitted into the Union as the twenty-sixth state, 1837.

NICKNAME:

The Wolverine State.

POPULATION:

9,938,444 (2000); ranks 8th among the 50 states.

STATE CAPITAL:

Detroit served as the state capital until 1847, when it was permanently moved by the Legislature to Lansing.

STATE MOTTO:

Si quaeris peninsulam amoenam circumspice
(If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you).

STATE SEAL:

The Great Seal of the State of Michigan was adopted at the Constitutional Convention of 1835.

DELEGATION TO U.S. CONGRESS:

Two (2) U.S. Senators (2 Democrats)
Fifteen (15) U.S. Representatives (7 Republicans, 8 Democrats)

SALARIES OF ELECTED STATE OFFICERS:

	2009	2011
Governor	\$177,000	\$159,300
Lieutenant Governor	123,900	111,510
Secretary of State	124,900	112,410
Attorney General	124,900	112,410
State Legislators	79,650	71,685
Justices of the Supreme Court	164,610	164,610
Court of Appeals Judges	151,441	151,441

POPULATION:

	Michigan	United States
2000 Total	9,938,444	281,421,906
2008 Estimate	10,003,422	304,059,724
2000-2008 % Increase	.65	8.4